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1. National Economic Planning

Since October 1956 the USSR has pledged itself to closer economic integration and interspecialization with Bloc countries. Is there any evidence that Soviet domestic economic activity is being modified accordingly? For example, has the USSR given up or reduced its production of any component parts in favor of purchasing such parts from a Satellite? Is there any evidence of cutbacks in domestic planning goals due to (a) Satellite delivery failures, or (b) Soviet commitments to the Bloc? (U)

2. Soviet Heavy and Defense Industries

In December 1957 the Ministries of Defense Industry, Aviation Industry, Shipbuilding Industry, and Radiotechnical Industry were abolished and replaced by State Committees. Since each of these ministries had been important producers of electronic components and equipment, it is important to discover the new electronic equipment production pattern following the reorganization. Is there still essentially a four-way division of effort, or has the reorganization served to draw electronic production planning and execution into a more centrally directed program? To what extent has the new State Committee for Radio Electronics retained the previous functions of the ministry, and to what extent has it been given more centralized control over total electronics production? In what areas has responsibility been lost? (C)

3. Telecommunications

Information is desired on Soviet plans to procure, or actual procurement of, microwave radio relay facilities to support the planned expansion of such facilities. Information on planned or actual procurement from the West, from within the Bloc, or from domestic production, is needed. (U)

4. Economic Coordination - CEPA

In connection with intra-Bloc coordination and specialization planning through CEPA, information is required on specific measures

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affecting the electronics industries. Information on coordination of electronic component production for intra-Bloc trade is desirable, as is information on specialization in the assembly of end items. (U)

5. Coordination of Military Production

Recent information indicates that within the Warsaw Pact structure, military production planning takes place, and decisions are made to allocate production of specific types of military electronic equipments to individual countries as primary Bloc producers. Further information is desired on these production allocations, with details on types and quantities of equipment involved. (S)

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